



# Joining our school community

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For admissions up to September 2022



Westfield School

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Chorus Education Trust

# Welcome to Westfield School

I am deeply proud of the staff and students in our school, who have been working hard to ensure Westfield becomes the Outstanding school it has the potential to be. I am highly ambitious for every student at Westfield, and for the school as a whole. Achieving in line with national averages is not enough – my aim is for every student to achieve beyond expectation.

Given the excellent foundations we have – of being a supportive, inclusive school – I am sure this can happen. It is this belief in our school, and in every child here, that will drive the changes forward – because I believe every child has the right to fulfil their dreams, and that schools should be fundamental to making that happen.

I know from personal experience that Chorus Education Trust has the expertise and track record to help us achieve this. But it also requires you to place your trust in us. As a parent, I know what a big milestone this is in your child's life, but I am determined to ensure they get the very best education at Westfield.

**Mr Joe Birkbeck**  
**Head of Westfield School**



## Register your interest for our Open Evening

**Thursday 23 September 2021**  
**Starts at 3.30pm.**

To book tickets, please visit  
**[www.westfield-chorustrust.org](http://www.westfield-chorustrust.org)**

## Applying to Westfield School

Last year we were over-subscribed, taking in students from our catchment area, those with siblings and some from feeder schools. **So, if Westfield is your 1st preference – put it as your 1st preference!** If you don't get in, then your 2nd preference becomes your 1st preference – so you don't lose out!

The Local Authority manages admissions and can provide information about our catchment area. Our named feeder primary schools are: Brook House, Emmanuel, Halfway, Mosborough, Reignhead, Rainbow Forge and Shortbrook.

**To find out more go to:** <https://tinyurl.com/y4fftke4>



# Outstanding Achievement for All

Three years ago, Westfield officially joined Chorus Education Trust, a small multi-academy trust that was founded by Silverdale School, an Ofsted-rated 'Outstanding' school in Sheffield.

The Chorus ethos is 'Outstanding Achievement for All' which means that we are committed to helping every student achieve beyond expectations. By joining Chorus, we have gained extra resources and expertise. Already, our staff are benefitting by working with colleagues at other schools. Chorus also runs one of the largest Teaching Schools in the region with the South Yorkshire Teaching Hub, providing us with access to additional, excellent training and resources for our staff.

With the weight of Chorus behind us, we are able to attract some of the very best teachers in the city. Already we have gained subject specialists in a range of subjects who have track records of helping students achieve the highest results in Sheffield.

Our students also gain priority access to Silverdale Sixth Form, which regularly achieves the highest A-level results in Sheffield.

*Being part of Chorus has given our staff access to support, expertise and resources that have made a real difference in the classroom.*

**Current member of staff**



Westfield students have priority status into Silverdale Sixth Form. Pictured far right: Westfield student, Ethan, joined Silverdale Sixth Form after outstanding GCSE results.



# A strong focus on excellence in teaching and learning

We believe that having the best teachers in the classroom is key to our students' success, so we have continued to recruit subject specialist teachers who bring a wealth of knowledge and experience.

All of our teachers are trained to respond to the different needs of our students, providing appropriate levels of work that also stretch them to achieve beyond expectations.

We have brought in several initiatives to promote academic excellence, including making English and Maths a key part of tutor time for Year 11 students and providing an extra 'period 6' lesson for Year 11 students after school. In 2019, over 30 of our high-ability mathematicians opted into the Level 2 Further Maths qualification, with 84% achieving a C grade or better.

Current educational research around the theme of 'Responsive Teaching' underpins both the curriculum and the teaching that takes place every day. Teachers

at Westfield put their students at the centre of everything they do, planning learning activities which enable personalised learning, leading to outstanding achievement for all.

“*Lessons are really good and fun. Teachers go over work if you're not sure of it and give you lots of feedback.*

**Current student**

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# Raising aspirations

We want our students to have lots of options when they leave Westfield, so they can live interesting, productive and rewarding lives.

So our job is twofold: to ensure that they don't set limits on their ambition and that they then achieve what they need to get there.

We recently reviewed our curriculum to increase the academic challenge and have set new targets for all students that encourage them to achieve well in excess of national expectations.

We work with local universities and employers to open our students' minds to the different opportunities available to them. We also provide a range of extra-curricular activities to broaden their skill base and experiences – and to support their applications to future careers and further/higher education pathways.

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*It's been great to hear my children being really ambitious when they talk about their next steps! The school has really inspired them.*

**Parent of a current student**



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**R**ESOURCEFUL

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**R**eflective



# Modern facilities

We are fortunate enough to have a bright, modern building that also provides sports facilities for the local community.

We have a heated, indoor pool and modern gym, as well as two sports halls and numerous outside pitches. Our PE department has been voted the best in Sheffield and runs all kinds of sporting clubs and teams.

We have a number of computer suites, fully equipped science labs, design and technology classrooms for woodwork, catering, textiles, product design and engineering, a drama studio, art studios and a new library. Every student can hire a locker. We have a staggered lunchbreak so that students can easily access the on-site catering facilities.



*I like the building. You have lots of space during social times and it's easy to find your way round. The outdoor space is great too.*

**Current student**

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# A friendly and supportive school – with clear expectations

One of the big changes we have made in recent times is the introduction of ‘Positive Discipline’. We know that the vast majority of our students have the right attitude to learning and so we recognise and reward them for consistently doing the right thing.

We also know that school should be a safe, calm place where our students can focus on their learning. So we support them to ensure they are prepared every day – dealing with any issues before they even get to the classroom, to ensure that lessons are free from distractions.

When students do need help they have the support of our specialist, pastoral staff for each year group, along with form tutors. We also work hard to stay in touch with parents, sending regular newsletters and also providing up to date information via our communications app about your child’s timetable, behaviour and rewards.



*Our new ‘Positive Discipline’ approach is having an impact already, ensuring lessons are calm and students are able to learn.*

**Mr Gardiner, Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for ‘Positive Discipline’**







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